

## State of Jefferson Scavenger Hunt Official Rules

1. Each question or bring-in item will have *an assigned* point value and what is required *to receive points* for the answer. Documentation must refer to the bold portion of the question, but need not contain the exact wording unless it is a proper name or in quotes. If what is required is not clear, ask for an interpretation by contacting the Hunt Director. Do not wait until the adjudication session to ask for an interpretation.

2. Documentation is required to receive points on all questions. One source is acceptable if the answer matches the official answer and the documentation refers to the all of the bold portion(s) of the question. Many questions will require more than one source to refer to all the bold portions of a question. No source may be considered as documentation unless it is cited on the copy of the Hunt submitted to the director. No credit shall be awarded for an answer without a source. Related references provided by the same team may be combined to document a single answer.

Two sources are required to challenge the Hunt Director's answers. Bold portions of the question must have at least one source referring to each phrase in bold to challenge. There can be no "hitchhiking" on another team's sources to arrive at the required two.

Citations must be in MLA format. You will need to choose the appropriate MLA format for your source. URL addresses alone will not be sufficient. However, if an internet source is used, a URL must be included. If a URL is not included for an internet source there will be an automatic 1 point deduction at adjudication and no points awarded for a pre-adjudicated question. See OSLIS Citation Maker for examples. Contact your librarian or conduct research before the Hunt if you are unfamiliar with Citation Maker.

The moderator and/or head judge may determine acceptable documentation at the adjudication. If you are in doubt about a source, contact the Hunt Director before adjudication. Unless otherwise stated as part of a question, the following will not be recognized as acceptable documentation:

- Interviews and phone conversations (though it is encouraged to contact many people to help find sources)
- A handwritten statement from an "authority"
- Video and audio sources- *unless specifically allowed.*
- "Ask" sites
- Sources tampered with, published after the start of the Hunt, or created by a team Blogs\*, Facebook, Tweets, or social media

\*A blog is defined as a source with "blog" in the URL or in the title of the website.

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The moderator and/or judges may determine acceptable research techniques at the adjudication. If you are in doubt about research techniques, contact the Hunt Director before adjudication. The following research techniques are not allowed:

- Crowdsourcing
- Using “Ask” sites

3. In regards to the bring-ins, unless otherwise stated, no photocopies, reproductions, or replicas will be acceptable.

4. The Hunt Director will pre-adjudicate some questions using the same criteria as adjudication. However, if the URL is not included in an internet citation, regardless if the answer is correct, there will be no points awarded.

5. Issues of grammar, spelling, capitalization, sources, answers, order of questions at adjudication, and any other issues at adjudication are to be determined at the discretion of the moderator and/or judges. The moderator and/or judges are the final authorities on all issues at adjudication.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Hunt Director, Jim Impara at 541-324-3710.